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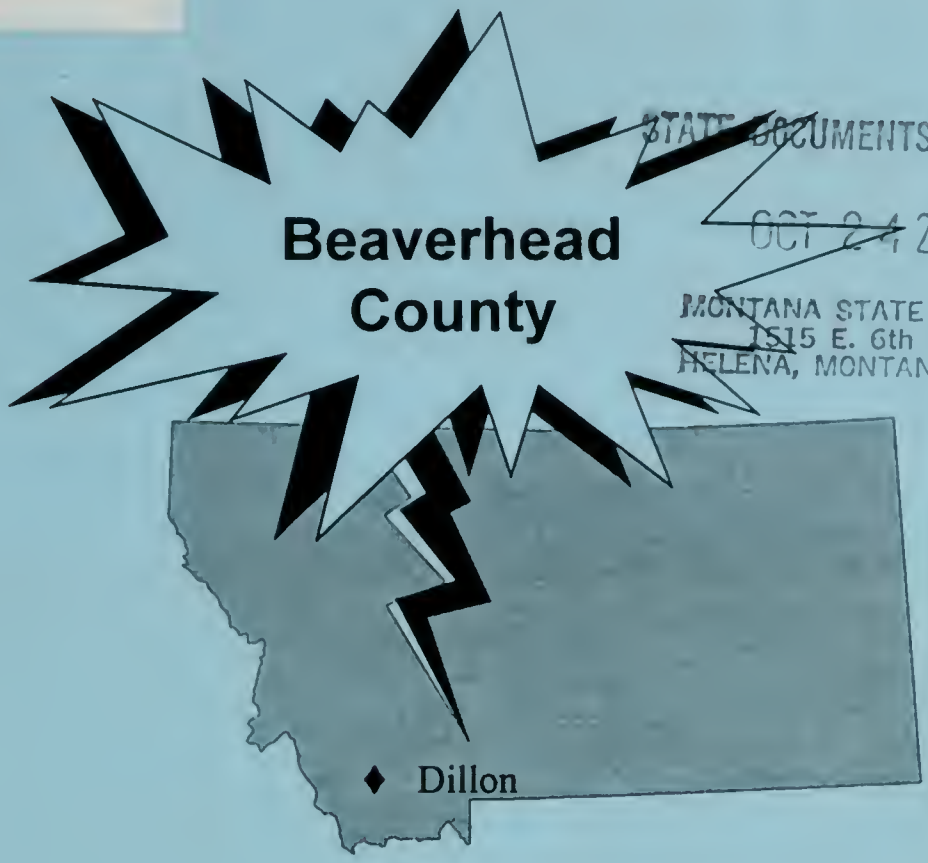

Cities and Towns in Beaverhead County

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Beaverhead County

Located in southwestern Montana, Beaverhead County is Montana's 23rd most populous with 8,424 residents, according to the 1990 Census.

Dillon, the county seat, is the state's 17th largest city with a population of 4,001. It's also home to Western Montana College of the University of Montana. According to the *Montana Almanac,* by authors Andrea Merrill and Judy Jacobson, the county was established in 1865 and is the largest county in terms of area. The authors say the county name is from the Shoshone, after a rock formation shaped like a beaver's head along the Beaverhead River, 12 miles southwest of Twin Bridges. Bannack, a gold mining town, was the county seat until it was changed to Dillon in 1881. According to the authors, Montana's sheep industry originated in Beaverhead County and the county's also home to the Big Hole River, famous for its blue-ribbon trout fishing.

According to the U.S. Bureau of the Census, median income for Beaverhead County households in 1989 was $20,925. The county is 5,572.3 square miles in area; 5,542.6 square miles in land area and 29.7 in inland water area.

County residents experience the four distinct seasons. Average monthly temperatures range from a low of 11 degrees above in January to a high of 83 degrees above in July. The *Montana Almanac* shows the annual average precipitation in Dillon in 1995 was 19.16 inches and the length of growing season 106 days.

Beaverhead County Population

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census

Area	7/1/97 Estimate	7/1/96 Estimate	4/1/90 Census	% Change '90 to '97	% Change '90 to '96
Montana	878,810	876,684	799,065	10.0%	9.7%
Beaverhead County	9,012	9,159	8,424	7.0%	8.7%
Dillon	Not Available	4,382	4,001	Not Available	9.5%
Lima	Not Available	278	265	Not Available	4.9%

Census and Economic Information Center, Montana Department of Commerce, Helena, MT 59620, 406-444-2896.

1997 New Businesses by Industry
Beaverhead County

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87	Engineering Services	2
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24	Lumber & Wood Products, Except Furniture	1
42	Trucking-Warehousing	1
51	Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	1
55	Auto Dealers-Gasoline Service Stations	1
73	Business Services	1
78	Motion Pictures	1
83	Social Services	1
99	Not Yet Classified	1
2	Agricultural Production-Livestock & Animal Specialties	1
14	Mining & Quarrying of Nonmetallic Minerals, Except Fuels	1
37	Transportation Equipment	1
	TOTAL	36

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Office of Research & Analysis.

*SIC Code: Standard Industrial Classification Code.

New businesses registered with the Unemployment Insurance Program.

Does not include businesses which had a change in ownership.

Top 10 Private Employers In Beaverhead County

Listed In Alphabetical Order

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Barretts Minerals Inc.	Great Harvest Franchising	Safeway
Beaverhead Livestock Auction	Parkview Acres Care & Rehabilitation Center	State Bank & Trust
Best Western Paradise Inn		

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Office of Research & Analysis.
Fourth Quarter 1997 Unemployment Insurance Information.
This list includes ONLY private industry employers subject to Unemployment Insurance. Railroads and city, county, state and federal government agencies (including public school districts and universities) are excluded.

Annual Average Labor Force For Beaverhead County

Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
1970	3,367	3,237	130	3.9%
1971	3,376	3,248	128	3.8%
1972	3,529	3,408	121	3.4%
1973	3,618	3,502	116	3.2%
1974	3,986	3,835	151	3.8%
1975	3,995	3,794	201	5.0%
1976	4,148	4,001	147	3.5%
1977	3,919	3,763	156	4.0%
1978	4,144	3,968	176	4.2%
1979	4,109	3,957	152	3.7%
1980	4,148	3,990	158	3.8%
1981	4,568	4,382	186	4.1%
1982	4,878	4,584	294	6.0%
1983	4,508	4,216	292	6.5%
1984	4,398	4,164	234	5.3%
1985	4,444	4,177	267	6.0%
1986	4,648	4,376	272	5.9%
1987	4,700	4,452	248	5.3%
1988	4,758	4,512	246	5.2%
1989	4,496	4,275	221	4.9%
1990	4,291	4,084	207	4.8%
1991	4,398	4,111	287	6.5%
1992	4,506	4,232	274	6.1%
1993	4,653	4,400	253	5.4%
1994	4,762	4,586	176	3.7%
1995	4,915	4,706	209	4.3%
1996	4,982	4,779	203	4.1%
1997	5,046	4,840	206	4.1%

Source. Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Office of Research & Analysis (1996 Benchmark).

Summary of Major Occupational Categories By Sex
1990 Census-Equal Employment Opportunity Data
Civilian Labor Force-All Persons

Occupation	Total	Male	Female
Total	3,965	2,280	1,685
Managerial and Professional Specialty Occupations	891	463	428
Executive, Administrative and Managerial Occupations	304	148	156
Professional Specialty Occupations	587	315	272
Technical, Sales and Administrative Support Occupations	911	273	638
Technicians and Related Support Occupations	70	38	32
Sales Occupations	370	152	218
Administrative Support Occupations, Including Clerical	471	83	388
Service Occupations	637	222	415
Private Household Occupations	17	0	17
Protective Service Occupations	47	20	27
Service Occupations, Except Protective and Household	573	202	371
Farming, Forestry, Fishing	664	550	114
Precision Production, Craft and Repair Occupations	422	403	19
Mechanics and Repairers	193	193	0
Construction Trade	140	133	7
Extractive Occupations	27	27	0
Precision Production Occupations	62	50	12
Operators, Fabricators and Laborers	407	357	50
Machine Operators, Assemblers and Inspectors	101	91	10
Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	186	174	12
Handlers, Equipment Cleaners, Helpers and Laborers	120	92	28
Unemployed, No Recent Civilian Work Experience	33	12	21

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Resources

⇒ **Chamber of Commerce:**
Beaverhead Chamber, P. O. Box 425, Dillon, MT 59725, 406-683-5511

⇒ **Department of Labor and Industry**
Dillon Job Service
730 N. Montana, 406-683-4259

Montana Department of Labor & Industry's Office of Research & Analysis Publications
For information on employment by industry, new businesses, labor market information, profile of the Montana worker, job projections to the year 2006 and hourly pay by occupation, contact the office at any of the numbers listed on the front of this publication.

⇒ **Housing Costs:**
Check the Yellow Pages in the local phone directory for the *Real Estate* listings.

⇒ **Internet:**
Montana Job Service home page for job listings at http://jsd.dli.mt.gov/
City of Dillon Home Page—Use the Search Utilities on the Internet to find home pages for Montana cities.

⇒ **Montana Motor Vehicle Division:**
Drivers' Licensing
Dillon—Courthouse, 406-683-5141

⇒ **Newspaper:**
Dillon Tribune, P. O. Box 911, Dillon, MT 59725, 406-683-2331

⇒ **Public Library:**
Dillon City Library, 121 S. Idaho St., Dillon, MT 59725-2500, 406-683-4544

⇒ **Postsecondary Education Institutions:**
Montana University System
Western Montana College of the University of Montana, 710 S. Atlantic St., Dillon, MT 59725, 800-WMC-MONT

⇒ **Superintendent of Schools, Kindergarten through 12th Grade:**
Beaverhead County High School, 104 N. Pacific St., Dillon, MT 59725, 406-683-2361
Dillon Elementary, 225 E. Reeder, Dillon, MT 59725, 406-683-4311
Grant Elementary, 11700 Highway 324, Dillon, MT 59725, 406-681-3114
Jackson Elementary, P. O. Box 787, Jackson. MT 59736, 406-834-3186
Lima Schools, P. O. Box AA, Lima, MT 59739, 406-276-3571
Polaris Elementary, 19200 Highway 278, Dillon, MT 59725, 406-834-3435
Reichle Elementary, P. O. Box 320097, Glen, MT 59732, 406-835-3541
Wisdom Elementary, P. O. Box 176, Wisdom, MT 59761, 406-689-3147
Wise River Elementary, Wise River, MT 59762, 406-832-3214

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Beaverhead County Employment By Industry*
Annual Averages 1996

Industry	# of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Paid
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	436	3,337	$63,791,039
PRIVATE BUSINESS	390	2,445	$42,230,506
AGRI, FORESTRY, FISH	32	311	$5,020,167
Agri Production\Livestock	24	278	$4,465,537
Agricultural Services	5	15	$247,766
CONSTRUCTION	48	134	$2,445,925
General Building	22	51	$664,851
Heavy Construction	3	40	$946,065
Special Trade	22	42	$835,969
MANUFACTURING	14	89	$1,241,682
Food Products	3	15	$355,481
Lumber	4	19	$264,006
TRANS., COMMUN., UTILITIES	20	66	$2,660,611
Trucking-Warehousing	11	35	$658,403
Communication	3	16	$600,016
Elec., Gas, Sanitation	3	37	$1,314,747
WHOLESALE TRADE	19	140	$2,686,475
Durable Goods	5	53	$887,339
Nondurable Goods	14	86	$1,808,136
RETAIL TRADE	91	857	$6,990,481
Bldg Materials-Garden	6	26	$330,366
General Merchandise	3	35	$448,114
Food Stores	6	63	$1,300,467
Auto Dealers-Service Stations	14	121	$1,803,761
Apparel & Accessories	3	26	$260,190
Furniture Stores	5	10	$240,813
Eating & Drinking	32	266	$1,736,799
Miscellaneous Retail	10	47	$760,161
FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE	33	164	$5,516,904
Banking	4	88	$1,813,433
Insurance Agents	7	32	$699,000
Real Estate	17	30	$1,479,207
SERVICES	126	712	$10,396,193
Hotels & Lodging	18	141	$1,013,106
Personal Services	6	17	$178,086
Business Services	8	14	$176,869
Auto Repair Services	7	13	$257,182
Miscellaneous Repair Services	3	10	$80,687
Amusement & Recreation	16	52	$366,263
Health Services	25	329	$6,042,092
Legal Services	9	19	$347,405
Social Services	9	36	$325,778
Membership Organizations	5	15	$73,870
Engineering Services	11	24	$346,128
Private Households	9	14	$156,952
GOVERNMENT	48	892	$21,580,533
State	13	264	$6,657,695
Local	15	401	$7,545,682
Federal	20	226	$7,357,056

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Office of Research & Analysis.
(Totals may not add due to rounding.)
*Employment Covered by Unemployment Insurance.

Per Capita Personal Income

	1970	1980	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Montana	$3,558	$8,842	$15,067	$16,005	$16,618	$17,709	$17,709	$18,602	$19,278
% of National Average	87%	88%	79%	81%	81%	83%	80%	80%	79%
Beaverhead County	$3,267	$7,558	$14,239	$15,075	$15,335	$16,482	$16,320	$17,453	$17,442
% of National Average	80%	75%	74%	77%	74%	77%	74%	75%	71%

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System. Released May 1996.

PLEASE NOTE: Because of time and budget constraints, we are only able to update our county flyers periodically Individual tables are updated on a more frequent basis. You can call us if you'd like the most current information for a particular county. The **Annual Averages for County Employment By Industry** are updated annually, usually in June. The **Top Employers** are updated annually **Per Capita Income statewide** is usually released late spring and **county data** around August each year. **Population data for Montana** is usually released in March and county data may be released at a different time. The **Annual Average Labor Force information** is benchmarked annually and numbers available before March. **The other tables contain Census information** and will be updated every 10 years. You can also look for more current information on our website listed on the front of this publication.

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Beaverhead County
1990 Census of Population and Housing
Persons by Age, Race and Sex

School Age	White		Black		American Indian		Eskimo/Aleut/ Asian or Pacific Islander		Hispanic Origin		Other Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
5-11	971	489	0	0	20	9	4	2	31	17	14	10
12-14	374	176	0	0	8	3	1	1	9	5	5	2
15-17	320	151	1	0	5	1	1	0	4	2	3	1
18-21	617	296	1	1	10	6	4	2	9	4	4	2
Total	2,282	1,112	2	1	43	19	10	5	63	28	26	15

Working & Voting Age	White		Black		American Indian		Eskimo/Aleut/ Asian or Pacific Islander		Hispanic Origin		Other Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
16+	6,135	3,042	3	1	77	42	20	12	85	35	48	13
16-64	5,053	2,452	3	1	73	39	19	12	83	33	48	13
18+	5,943	2,947	2	1	74	41	19	12	81	33	45	12
18-64	4,861	2,357	2	1	70	38	18	12	79	31	45	12

Other Age Group	White		Black		American Indian		Eskimo/Aleut/ Asian or Pacific Islander		Hispanic Origin		Other Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
0-4	586	292	5	3	14	9	4	0	8	3	5	2
5-17	1,665	816	1	0	33	13	6	3	44	24	22	13
18-44	3,326	1,625	2	1	54	30	14	9	71	25	41	10
45-64	1,535	732	0	0	16	8	4	3	8	6	4	2
62+	1,261	675	0	0	7	5	3	1	3	2	1	0
65+	1,082	590	0	0	4	3	1	0	2	2	0	0
Total	8,194	4,055	8	4	121	63	29	15	133	60	72	27

Source: Census and Economic Information Center, Montana Department of Commerce, Helena, MT 59620, 406-444-2896.

Beaverhead County

County of Residence	# Who Work in Beaverhead County	County of Work	# Who Live in Beaverhead County
Out of State	19	Out of State	21
Beaverhead County	3,577	Beaverhead County	3,577
Cascade	19	Deer Lodge	14
Lewis & Clark County	19	Gallatin County	12
Madison County	68	Jefferson County	16
Ravalli County	10	Missoula County	12
Silver Bow	32	Silver Bow County	40
Yellowstone County	10	Other Montana Counties	12
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